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Church Workers in Universities

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Chicago, January, 1920

Ninety-five delegates from thirty-two university centers registered at the thirteenth annual conference of Church Workers in Universities.

Two days were given to a round table discussion of the vital and practical problems of the religious life of the students in the large university centers. A visitor remarked at the close of the Conference that the forces represented in this conference gave unusual promise of vital Christian leadership in the Nation.

Detailed reports of the work in the various centers gave abundant evidence that very large numbers of students are being reached and made active in the church work in the university center and trained for aggressive, constructive work as laymen after graduation.

The types of work reported differed according to local conditions.

The most common type was that in which the student pastor combines counsel in personal religion and choice of vocation with personal friendship, making his home a religious headquarters and "a friendly house by the wayside". His work centers in the local church or churches and promotes church membership and Bible study.

The Conference was unanimous that so far as possible there should be a unified program of work with the greatest harmony in promoting it. In many centers this is being achieved without any formal organization, and very interesting developments were reported from the Universities of Pennsylvania, Cornell and Michigan in organizing the Church Workers with the Christian Association Secretary into a staff, each member of which, in addition to his church relation, is responsible for a specialized department of instruction and activity.

In the interest of harmony and efficiency during the last year several denominations, acting through their national

Boards of Education, have begun the employment of student pastors to represent two or more denominations. This plan is now in successful operation in Michigan Agricultural College, New Hampshire College of Agriculture, and Leland Stanford University. In each of these one man of first rate ability is employed by four denominations.

The affiliated Christian College and School of Religion has made notable progress during the last two or three years and a number of state universities are reported as giving curriculum credit for courses taught in these church institutions located in the university center.

The President, Mr. Thomas S. Evans, in his opening address said in part:

"We seem now, as church workers national and local, to have found a basis of unity in a number of university centers, with the Student Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and Student Volunteer Movement. The principles of unity seem to be somewhat as follows:

"The Christian Association, local, district and national, has ceased to hold itself aloof from the official representatives of the churches or to build itself up as an institution separate from the local church and the denominational Boards, and seeks to exist as an efficient medium through which the local churches, aided by the denominational agencies, can present a united Christian program in a University community.

"Boards of directors are made up of selected church representatives and church membership is the basis of the organized work among the students. Finances are unified in a clearing-house treasury. The employed staff consists of official church representatives with an executive Secretary and the Association and Church buildings are the centers of the united Christian work.

"The general aim is unity in worship, religious education, service and finances, without uniformity—unity in spirit and efficiency in results amid diversity of form and organization.

"Religious Education should certainly be the keystone in the arch of the total educational system at every University center. One session of this conference, therefore, has been suggested for the discussion of this fundamental subject. Under this department of a well-rounded local pro-

gram would seem to lie the problems connected with curriculum courses on the history, psychology and philosophy of religion, modern pedagogy, sociology and kindred subjects, as related to voluntary inspirational courses; the guidance of students in the selection of their curriculum courses; Bible schools and chairs; church Bible classes; student group classes in religion, leaders in religious education, social workers, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. secretaries, and missionaries. The churches are putting funds into salaries and equipment for religious education and those of us who aim to serve the interests of the Church and the Kingdom should be at least somewhat expert in making constructive suggestions.

“The next adjustment in church work at university centers is that of the relation of special student work and workers supported by denominational agencies, to the local churches and ministers. This relationship affects all departments of activity—worship, religious education, service, and finances. Christianity takes its concrete expression at university centers, as elsewhere, in and through the organized church. The personnel and equipment of the local church very largely determines the success or failure of Christianity at the great universities. Democracy in the churches places the responsibility for denominational work largely upon the local church organization. Are the local churches and ministers prepared to meet the responsibility? If the ministers and lay workers of the churches of the future are to come from the great centers where the youth of the country are being educated to a large extent, then these students must see and experience, during their university days, vital Christianity in actual operation in an up-to-date church. This means the best ministers in the churches at these centers and millions in money for equipment.

“Should we have in the university communities well-equipped normal churches or special student churches? Do we need great plants and a large staff for each church? Are special Bible chairs a constructive contribution? Shall special church workers or student pastors be responsible to the national or state denominational agency or to the local minister and church? Can a local minister properly be responsible for all the work of his denomination at a university?

“It would seem to be demonstrated that special workers.

equipment and organization are desirable for work among students, but the question of the relation of this special effort to local church conditions is at least open to further suggestions.

"Overtures come to this conference from the Student Department of the Y. M. C. A. to the effect that the Lake Geneva and other summer conferences hereafter become joint church and student Y. M. C. A. gatherings in management and promotion. Lake Geneva Conference is to be managed this season by a joint committee of six representatives, two appointed by the Council of Church Boards of Education, two by the Y. M. C. A. Advisory committee and two by this Conference of Church Workers. This proposal is made in the spirit of unity and should surely be accepted.

"The Church Workers are also invited to join with the National Committee of Student Y. M. C. A. Secretaries in the plans and program of the Summer Assembly on Methods.

"The Recruiting Department of the Interchurch World Movement desires the cooperation of all local church workers in the special campaigns for recruiting to be put on in university centers during the next few weeks. Here the local workers can certainly be of inestimable value to the church at large in determining and leading these campaigns. Care should certainly be taken not to permit this special effort to become mere superficial exploitation which will prejudice university leaders against more steady methods."

The Chairman of the University Committee of the Council of Church Boards of Education, Dr. Richard C. Hughes, reported as follows:

"The past year has shown genuine progress in the development of the work of the several churches in Christian Education in University centers. Three Boards have appointed University Secretaries. The Methodist Episcopal Board, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, has secured Rev. Warren F. Sheldon, the Lutheran Board, the Rev. Paul H. Krauss with an office in the Masonic Building, Chicago, and the Disciple Board the Rev. Joseph C. Todd, Bloomington, Ind. These men have received hearty welcome and are made members of the University Committee of the Council.

The Baptist, Congregational, Disciple, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian Boards have increased their work in

university centers recently and other Boards are expressing a deeper interest.

There has been a marked change in the attitude of the majority of the Church Colleges toward this work in the University as they have come to see the necessity of providing Christian training for all students irrespective of the institutions they attend, and there are many evidences that the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. are more ready to recognize the value of the Church Workers and to cooperate with them on a basis that will recognize the autonomy of each denomination.

The Council, in January 1919, adopted a plan for a unified organization of all the evangelical forces in each university center and "pledged its executive offices in working out and maintaining practical plans of active cooperation in each university center." During the year these plans have been developed in five important centers, Cornell University, Michigan Agricultural College, Leland Stanford Junior University, New Hampshire College of Agriculture, and the University of Michigan.

The essentials of the plan are, first, that local conditions should always determine the form of organization and that no attempt be made to establish any standardized form, and second, that the objects to be obtained are the elimination of wasteful duplication of buildings, equipment and effort and such a unification of program as will provide a staff of workers for specialized departments of instruction and activity.

The Council was one of the first organizations to enter the Interchurch World Movement. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Robert L. Kelly, is a member of the Executive Committee and Chief of the American Education Division and is conducting a comprehensive survey of all American Education. Each member of the Church Workers Conference is urged to cooperate in making thorough the study of his own institution.

Officers and Committee

Conference of Church Workers in Universities.

For the year 1920.

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Summer Conference on Methods.

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M. G. Allison	Presbyterian University Pastor, Uni- versity of Wisconsin.
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B. J. Bush	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Lexing- ton, Ky.
Howard R. Chapman	Baptist University Pastor, Univer- sity of Michigan.

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T. S. Evans	General Secretary, Students Christian Association, University of Michigan.
Mrs. T. S. Evans	Secretary for Presbyterian Women, University of Michigan.
John D. W. Fetter	Baptist University Pastor, Cornell University.
Newton C. Fetter	Baptist Student Pastor for institutions in and near Boston.
John W. Findley	Presbyterian University Pastor, Purdue University.
Steven E. Fisher	Pastor Church of Christ, University of Illinois.
D. H. Fisher	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, Kansas.
R. D. Fisher	Student Pastor, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Secretary Y. M. C. A. New Hampshire State College.
Thomas Hugh Gallagher	Pastor Methodist Church, Grand Forks, N. D.
R. W. Gammon	Congregational Education Society, 19 W. Jackson, Chicago.
Walter C. Gibbs	Disciples of Christ. Professor of New Testament Bible College of Missouri.
H. C. Gossard	Faculty member and Y. M. C. A. Secretary. University of Oklahoma.
W. D. Goehring	Lutheran University Pastor, University of Wisconsin.
T. W. Graham	Pastor Andrew Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
S. W. Hamblen	Pastor's Assistant, Baptist Church, Granville, Ohio.

Thomas H. Hanna, Jr.	Presbyterian Student Pastor, University of Illinois.
Cyril Harris	Episcopal University Pastor, Cornell University.
C. P. Harry	Lutheran Student Pastor, University of Pennsylvania.
M. K. W. Heicher	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
Norman C. Henderson	Pastor Olivet Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
F. B. Heibert	Lutheran Student Pastor, University of Illinois.
E. G. Hildner	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Houghton, Mich.
Edgar P. Hill	General Secretary, General Board of Education, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
Wm. A. Hill	Baptist Board of Education, Secretary Missionary Education, Northern Baptist Convention.
Wm. A. Horn	Lutheran Student Pastor, Cornell University.
Wm. Houston	Presbyterian University Pastor, Ohio State University.
Mrs. Wm. Houston	Bible teacher, Ohio State University.
Richard C. Hughes	University Secretary, General Board of Education Presbyterian Church U. S. A.
Haine F. Huntington	Methodist University Pastor, University of Nebraska.
J. W. Innes	Executive Secretary, Iowa State College.
Howard W. Johnston	Pastor Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames, Iowa.
Robert L. Kelly	Executive Secretary, Council of Church Boards of Education.
S. S. Klyne	Pastor First Methodist Church, Lawrence, Kansas.
Paul H. Krauss	University Secretary, United Lutheran Board of Education.

M. Willard Lampe	Presbyterian University Pastor, General Secretary, Christian Association, University of Pennsylvania.
A. Langendorff	Pastor St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago.
Dean R. Leland	Presbyterian University Pastor, University of Nebraska.
Elmer A. Lester	Pastor Epworth Methodist Church and Director of Wesley Foundation at Harvard University.
Howard M. LeSourd	Methodist University Pastor, Ohio State University.
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Robert J. Locke	Pastor Congregational Church and Student Pastor University of Illinois.
J. W. Long	Pastor St. Paul Methodist Church, State College, Pa.
N. A. McCune	Pastor People's Church East Lansing, Mich.
Mary E. Markley	Secretary for Women Students, United Lutheran Church.
William J. Medland	Secretary Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D.
Harry C. Mershon	Congregational Student Pastor, University of Michigan.
George V. Metzel	Associate Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, Urbana, Ill.
James A. G. Moore	Congregational Student Pastor, Cornell University.
B. J. Morris	Director Religious Education, Trinity Methodist Church, Berkeley, Calif.
J. M. McClelland	Pastor Methodist Church, Manhattan, Kansas.
Paul Micou	College Secretary, General Board of Religious Education of the Episcopal Church.

Arthur Murray	Chaplain Lehigh University. Assistant Protestant Cathedral Church of Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa.
Walter B. Niles	Methodist University Pastor, Indiana University.
John Mitchell Paige	In charge of Chapel of St. John, University of Illinois.
W. J. Peacock	Pastor Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Pa.
Vernon S. Phillips	Pastor Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.
Denver C. Pickens	Methodist Student Pastor, West Virginia University.
C. J. Pope	Baptist University Pastor, Ohio State University.
Fred C. F. Randolph	Episcopal University Pastor, Ohio State University.
Robert R. Reed	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, Ia.
E. P. Robertson	President Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D.
Ralph W. Rogers	Methodist Student Pastor, Purdue University.
L. G. Rohrbaugh	Methodist Student Pastor, State University of Iowa.
Walter C. Schafer	Congregational Student Pastor, State University of Iowa.
F. M. Sheldon	Secretary, Congregational Education Society.
L. S. Shumaker	Pastor First Baptist Church, Iowa City, Ia.
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H. L. Searles	Presbyterian University Pastor, State University of Iowa.
Howard E. Simpson	Faculty representative, University of North Dakota.
Howard E. Snyder	U. S. Army chaplain. Lutheran. Madison, Wis.

Frederick E. Stockwell	College Secretary, General Board of Education Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
C. Howard Taylor	Pastor Methodist Church, Bloomington, Ind.
Louis F. Townsend	Pastor McCabe Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebr.
Arch Tremayne	Pastor University Methodist Church, Seattle, Wash.
H. C. White	Pastor Presbyterian Church, Golden, Colo.
T. R. White	Presbyterian University Pastor, Indiana University.
Edward C. Wood	Member Board of Directors of the Christian Association, University of Pennsylvania.
Evans A. Worthley	Methodist University Pastor, Cornell University.

CHURCH BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITIES.

BAPTIST.

The Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention is seeking to develop its work among students in all the large colleges and universities, whether state or independent. We follow three different lines in developing our methods of work. Wherever there is a sufficient number of Baptist students in a university to warrant the full attention of one man, we endeavor to place a man in that field. In the second place, where the number of Baptist students is limited we employ a graduate student in one of the upper classes as secretary. He relates his work directly to that of the pastor of the church. In the third place, where the local church needs strengthening, the Board of Education cooperates in the payment of the salary of the pastor of the church in order that by a stronger ministry the church may appeal to the students.

We now have men working in these various ways in twenty-three colleges and universities. The Board of Education is also cooperating with other denominations in the pay-

ment of the salary of a man to work among students of various denominations in schools where the number of students of any one denomination is limited. This last plan gives great promise and we hope to see it developed at many points.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Congregational Educational Society, in cooperation with state conferences and local churches in university centers, is doing what it can to look after the religious interests of students attending our tax-supported institutions. Where there are but a few students of our church affiliation if aid is given it is usually in the form of adding to the salary of the regular church pastor, so that the church may have a stronger man for this service. If the number of Congregational students is larger but not so large as to seem to demand the presence and efforts of a full time worker, we subsidize a number of college students who give a small portion of time during each week to this work. Or we may take one student, either graduate or undergraduate, who can give half time. These people work under the direction of the local church pastor.

In centers where there is a still larger number of our students we aim to have a regular full time student worker who, while cooperating with the local church or churches, gives his attention primarily to work among students.

Our aim in this work is to take a friendly interest in and give pastoral care to the young people from our church homes, to keep them in active touch with normal church life during their college course, to see that provision is made, either through the church or otherwise, for their instruction in the Bible and religion, and to develop their lives for the largest possible degree of Christian service.

We believe that a church worker of this character can do his best work by having a reasonably commodious, well equipped home in the student quarter, that he should not be responsible for running an institution either in the way of a boarding hall or a dormitory, but should have funds enabling him to bring the students into the fellowship of the home life and to establish personal relations with them as extensively as possible.

Through the organization of a Student Council, leading

students of the denomination cooperate with the pastor in religious work among the other students in relating them to the local church life and organization.

Whatever may be the development of religious education and biblical courses for which the university shall give curriculum credit, we do not believe that this should become a substitute for the kind of pastoral care and personal religious work indicated above. Thus for the present we have been working along very simple lines, emphasizing personal relationships, and through these personal relationships to bring our young people into touch with the best things in personal religious life, in Bible training and in church service.

DISCIPLES.

More than twenty-five years ago the Disciples began work at state universities in the form of Bible Chairs, initiated by the Christian Women's Board of Missions. From the beginning the Disciples approach to the problem has been educational. Bible Chairs are now maintained at the Universities of Virginia, Michigan, Kansas and Texas. Three of these, the Bible Chairs of Michigan, Kansas, and Texas, have well equipped buildings adjacent to the university campus. They offer, either alone or in cooperation with other workers in the field, regular university work in the field of Biblical and religious instruction.

Affiliated with the Board of Education of the Disciples of Christ are four institutions acting under state articles of incorporation, The Bible College of Missouri, Illinois Disciples Foundation, California School of Religion and Indiana School of Religion. All contemplate a comprehensive program of Bible teaching. The Bible College of Missouri owns a good college building located near the administration and library buildings of the University of Missouri at Columbia. The school has a teaching force of four, including one teacher furnished by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The directors are ready to include other teachers from other churches in the faculty whenever satisfactory arrangements can be made. The B. D. degree is granted and about two hundred and fifty students are enrolled in classes. The school is now in a campaign looking toward increasing its plant and endowment. Its plans involve raising its assets in buildings and

grounds to a million dollars. The Illinois Disciples Foundation is working in a joint education and missions campaign in Illinois from which the Foundation expects to receive \$800,000. As this article is being written a letter comes telling of a campaign for the California School of Religion for a million dollars, of which one man has offered \$400,000. This institution will be located at the Southern Branch of the University of California in Los Angeles and hopes to do full seminary work. The Indiana School of Religion has three teachers, one of whom is furnished by the Presbyterians co-operating. It owns the south-west corner of the campus area as a site for a building to include facilities for teaching and public lectures. Across from the campus corner it owns a residence for the Dean, a boys dormitory and a girls dormitory. It has immediate financial plans involving \$650,000.

Recently the Board of Education of the Disciples created a Department of State Universities and elected Dean Joseph C. Todd of the Indiana School of Religion, Bloomington, as Secretary. At present it is the aim of this department to work out a policy for the church at state schools, cooperate with the work already in existence under any auspices and to enter new fields of work where there may be need and opportunity. It is the present judgment of this department that the work at state universities should be entirely controlled by church forces. When union work is created it is the feeling of the workers among the Disciples that this work should be distinctly under church control, that the children of the church in state universities should never have any cause to feel that their religious leadership came from any other source than the church and that the church is unwilling to trust the vital cause of recruiting, counselling, and Bible teaching among its own children to any workers except representatives of the church.

The program of work for the Disciples will probably involve strengthening the institutions now opened, securing co-operation among them, opening a few more institutions in other states, cooperating, in a few states, with other religious bodies in work now maintained or yet to be opened, and in attempting to keep the central office in touch with Disciple students wherever they may attend school.

In matters of joint schools of religion, the Disciples ex-

pect to cooperate wherever practical programs are initiated and wherever the distinct leadership of the church is maintained in these institutions. Its own activities at state universities seek to be entirely non-sectarian but distinctly Christian and emphasising the leadership of the church as intensely here as in church colleges.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

The General Board of Religious Education maintains a Department of Collegiate Education, Rev. Paul Micou, Secretary. This Department has determined on a policy of placing clergy, in cooperation with diocesan authorities, in selected college and university communities, who will together constitute a group of "inquirers" into the best methods of Church student work. They will visit and study other parishes and colleges similar to their own within convenient distance. These men will meet the Secretary of the Collegiate Department at frequent intervals for conference and for the formulation of their findings and policy. This plan has already been begun by placing men at Cornell University and Iowa State College and by entering into arrangement with the clergyman already at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Its complete execution depends on the results of the nation-wide campaign.

The National Student Council aims to unify the Church's college work, to give to those engaged in it some voice in its direction, to furnish guidance to the Episcopal students in their college Church organizations along the lines of a "minimum program" of worship, religious education, Church extension, service and meetings, to bind together the organizations of Church students in colleges and universities, and to unite the Boards of Missions and Education and the Social Service Commission in their college work.

LUTHERAN.

It is the purpose of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church, through its University Department, to contribute its share in the work of implanting and cultivating the moral and spiritual ideals of the Christian religion in the life of the universities of our country.

To this end the Lutheran University Pastor will set for himself general ideal objectives such as the following:

To promote and preserve the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the religion of Jesus Christ in the life of the University, and in doing this he will cooperate in every way with all others working for that goal.

To be of personal service to all students, but to the Lutheran students, whom he is specially qualified to serve, particularly, in a personal way teaching, counselling, aiding them in whatever their need may be, representing by his daily life and action the life of helpfulness and love of the Christ he serves.

To keep Lutheran students in touch with the religious and social life of their church and faithful in the performance of their religious duties, and to provide for them, and for all, opportunities for Bible study and Christian social intercourse and in every way to so build up the normal religious life during college years that the student will enter active life work equipped and eager to advance the Kingdom of God through intelligent and faithful service in the Church which Christ established for that purpose.

To serve as vocational counsellor and having studied the individual characteristics of those who may come within his influence, to suggest to those who need guidance useful fields for the most effective use of their talents. He will particularly present the need for strong men and women in the various forms of Christian service, stressing the opportunities for leadership and usefulness in the Christian ministry.

It is our purpose, as far as possible, to work through the local church which after all is the logical and most effective center for Christian activity. We will endeavor to advise with and reinforce the local church in its service to the university, but whenever and wherever it is possible and especially in those schools having enough students of Lutheran training and extraction to warrant it, we will endeavor to place a man who will devote his whole time to the Christian welfare of the students and the school, working through the local church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The Joint Committee of the Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the religious care of our students in tax-supported institutions was committed by

the last General Conference, has pushed the development of this work as rapidly as the funds available for it have permitted. For several years preceeding the organization of the Joint Committee the Board of Education made appropriations to this work and has maintained this policy throughout the last quadrennium.

During the coming year, with appropriations of \$12,000 by the Board of Education and \$30,000 by the Board of Home Missions, the Committee will distribute \$42,000 for the maintenance of work at forty-five institutions which report a Methodist enrollment of 24,324.

The appropriations of the Boards are supplementary to contributions from local churches and conferences contiguous to the various institutions and from interested individuals. At a few points endowments for the partial maintenance of the Wesley Foundations which are carrying on this work are being secured. Our Centenary program for the next five years contemplates new building enterprises to the extent of \$3,000,000. Four or five of these buildings will be under way this year.

In addition to the attention given by the pastors of the churches adjacent to these institutions, we have fifteen men and five women who are giving all their time to this phase of student work. Increasing numbers of life service candidates, especially for home and foreign missionary fields, are reported from tax-supported institutions.

PRESBYTERIAN U. S. A.

The General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. maintains a University Department that has aided work in thirty-six university centers. The General Assembly of the Church directed the Board to cooperate with the several Synods and Presbyteries in providing for the religious needs of Presbyterian and other students in the state and non-church colleges and universities.

“Religious needs” has been interpreted to include whatever is necessary to fit young people for Christian living and service. During their course they should attend public worship and have a place in the normal life and activity of a local church. They should be given pastoral care and counsel in their personal life problems, instruction in the Bible and instruction and training for practical Christian service.

The Board has assisted in erecting church buildings in some educational centers that were unable to provide adequate buildings, and the Board of Church Erection is now assisting in this work. The Board has also aided some weak churches in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions.

Experience has taught that in addition to well equipped church buildings, the only buildings required are residences for the student pastors and teachers in the student quarter, except that where the churches are at a distance, class rooms and offices must be provided near the campus.

The Board has avoided any standardization of methods but has done what it could to arouse an interest in the Synods, Presbyteries and churches in all parts of the country in providing leadership in educational centers. Pastors and teachers giving full time to students are necessary because of the size of the task. There is no center as yet adequately manned.

This work centers in the personality of the minister in charge. It is a work with students and not for students. They need and are ready for a leadership that can inspire them with the joy of Christian service. From the first the Board urged the need of a unified program of work in each center and that the students be stimulated to use their own initiative in definite forms of Christian activity on the campus and in the community.

The College Department deals with the Church Colleges and in addition to strengthening the colleges, gives special attention to establishing a Bible Chair in each college. The Student Department manages the campaigns for recruiting candidates for the ministry and other forms of Christian service.

PRESBYTERIAN, U. S.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States, commonly called the Southern Presbyterian Church, has work in sixteen Southern States.

The problem of universities in the South is quite different at this time from that of the Middle West. The Universities are smaller, the traditional religious environments are helpful and in most instances, each of the local churches are now able to meet the situation, and their buildings are within easy access of the University. Where this is impos-

sible, on account of the smallness of the churches, the Synods are coming to their help.

The work of arousing the churches to a fuller appreciation of the privilege and responsibility of this work is given by the General Assembly of the church to the Executive Committee of Education, of which Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D., 410 Urban Building, Louisville, Kentucky, is Secretary.